

## State News.

A large whale was seen off Morehead City early this week.

A bad freight wreck occurred on Tuesday near Greensboro, eight cars being reduced to kindling.

James Sprunt, of Wilmington, was seriously injured last Monday while at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island.

Fifty-two of the ninety-seven children at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro have been found to have hook-worm.

The little child of Mr. J. W. Leake, of Winston-Salem, has disappeared and the country around is being searched for her.

Two drug clerks in Charlotte have been arrested on a charge of selling liquor on prescription telephoned to the store by a physician.

A mad dog at Bellwood, Cleveland County, severely bit two men—one a negro. They came to Raleigh for treatment at the State Laboratory.

N. O. Petree, of Stokes County, and S. E. Hall, of Forsyth, have been named by the Republicans of the Eleventh Judicial District for Judge and Solicitor, respectively.

A requisition has been made on the War Department by the Adjutant-General of the State for a supply of arms and ammunition sufficient for the needs of the National Guard.

Work has begun on a handsome new depot at Sanford. It is being constructed by the Seaboard Air Line and the Coast Line, and will be one of the handsome structures of its kind in the State.

Suits aggregating \$35,000 against the Zebulon Oil Company, by W. R. Carroll and his son, Siler Carroll, for the loss of the latter's arm while in the employ of the company, have been compromised for \$1,750.

The owners of the State bonds expiring on July 1st are turning in the bonds, and State Treasurer Lacy says that only about \$75,000 are still outstanding. A large amount of this is being left until the owners find a suitable investment to make.

A warrant was issued Tuesday last against J. D. Perry, a merchant of New Bern, charging him with conducting a lottery. The lottery consisted of taking chances on obtaining a suit of clothes by an old scheme. The trial justice reserved decision.

Mr. Needham Gaston Godwin, who has been twenty-five years a resident of Durham, dropped dead Sunday at the home of his son-in-law, Eugene Clifton, six miles in the country, and was buried in the burying-ground of the family in the country several miles out.

Governor Kitchin has commissioned the following delegates on the part of North Carolina to the Fourth International Conference on State Local Taxation, to be held in Milwaukee August 30th to September 2nd: A. W. Graham, Oxford; Ashley Horne, Clayton; W. D. Turner, Statesville; R. A. Doughton, Sparta; L. D. Robinson, Wadesboro; F. H. Stedman, Fayetteville.

**A Homicide in Haywood.**  
Waynesville, N. C., Aug. 6.—Today another homicide was added to the history of Haywood County at Crabtree, eight miles north of Waynesville. R. H. Davis, a lumberman, shot Pink Messer, a farmer, twice in the breast, the balls taking fatal effect. Messer died in a few minutes. Carl Medford, a son of Sheriff Medford, has arrived with R. H. Davis, who is lodged in jail. The most that can be earned to-night about the killing is that it was over an account.

**Serious Cutting Affray.**  
Statesville, N. C., Aug. 6.—As the result of a serious cutting affray in the country yesterday about noon, Felix Combs, white, a noted character, is in a precarious condition in the Billingsley Hospital here, suffering from a number of dangerous knife wounds inflicted by his brother-in-law, Gus Elliott. Elliott came to Statesville immediately after the fight and surrendered to officers. Warrants were issued for Gus Elliott, Felix Combs, and Walter Combs, charging all with assault with deadly weapons. Felix Combs will die.

**Well-Known Men Make "Monshine" Brandy.**  
Spencer, N. C., Aug. 5.—John M. Freeman and D. L. Beasley, well-known men of East Spencer, were captured by Sheriff J. H. McKensie and Chief-of-Police J. R. Cruse, assisted by other officers, while, it is charged, in the act of making illicit brandy.

The distillery was found in a corn field in the outskirts of East Spencer. The raid was made by the officers at day-break. Freeman, the leader of the gang, fed, but was captured by Deputy Tolbert.

## REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

**Former Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson Named for Judge of Sixth Judicial District—Solicitorship Nomination Postponed.**

Smithfield, N. C., Aug. 8.—The Republican Judicial Convention was called to order here at 4 o'clock. J. D. Parker was made chairman. The credential committee was appointed and then came the wrangle, some of the delegates, led by J. C. Stancill, who favored adjournment until after the State Convention in order that the Wake contest might be settled. J. D. Parker, C. M. Bernard and Mr. Moore, of Wake, opposed and won. The credential committee adjourned to an adjacent room, when Chas. D. Wildes arose and withdrew the contest from Wake, reserving any rights. The regulars then were seated. H. B. Pearce nominated W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, for Judge, who was nominated by acclamation. The nomination for Solicitor was postponed.

**POWELL'S SON SHOTS HIMSELF.**  
**Dangerously Wounded Himself in a Saloon—Caused Much Trouble—Will Probably Die.**

Durham, N. C., Aug. 6.—Aquila Powell, the oldest son of E. E. Powell, Sr., who recently was sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary for the murder of Chief-of-Police C. W. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, yesterday afternoon shot himself dangerously, if not fatally, and is now at the Watts Hospital where he is being cared for.

Young Powell has borne the reputation of the worst boy, and lately he has been heard to speak of it. Three or four years ago he came here, but he had few friends and made them slowly. Yesterday afternoon he went into the near-beer saloon of J. F. Belvin and, turning to W. L. Bowling, said: "Give me a piece of paper; I have but seven minutes to live." He wrote the name of W. H. Josey, of Scotland Neck, and his own name, Aquila Powell, turned his pistol to the floor and shot once, then twice. Mr. Bowling thinks, and fired into his body. The wound was made on the right side, but the ball did not go through the body. He will hardly recover.

**ASHEVILLE MAN IS CONVICTED.**  
**Guilty of Murder in First Degree, Verdict of Jury in Particularly Atrocious Killing in Mountain Metropolis.**

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 6.—James B. Allison, fifty years old, who has killed at least three men during his life time, was, about 6 o'clock this afternoon, found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury for killing Floyd McGee, driver of the city patrol wagon.

When the jury, after forty minutes' deliberation returned a verdict, Allison, a slim, pale-faced man, slightly crippled, received the sentence without a quiver. Judge Council will pass death sentence next week.

The murder of McGee, which occurred July 5th, was one of the most brutal that ever occurred here. Allison, after shooting the man in the back five times, took a two-pound sledge-hammer and beat McGee's brains out. While employed by the city three years ago as night watchman at the City Hall, Allison killed a young engineer named Roberts of Charlotte, shooting him while the latter was under arrest. He also beat the brains out of a negro with an Indian club and shot another in the back. In all the cases he pleaded self-defense and was cleared. His plea in this case was the same, but it was a very slim case. He is the father of five children. The trouble occurred over a lewd woman to whom he and McGee were paying attention.

**Col. Wharton Green Dead.**  
Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 6.—Col. Wharton J. Green, distinguished ex-Congressman, soldier and author, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, Tokay, four miles from this city, after a brief illness which was not considered serious until shortly before his death.

**Three Republican Conventions Held at Lexington.**  
Salisbury, August 9.—Three Republican conventions, the seventh Congressional, the Tenth Judicial and the Senatorial convention were held at Lexington this afternoon. The following nominations were made: For Congress, J. J. Parker, of Monroe; for Judge, Z. I. Walser, of Lexington; for Solicitor, C. L. Holton, of Asheboro.

A large majority of the delegates favored Jno. Morehead for State chairman of the Republican party. District Attorney A. E. Holton was the principal speaker.

**Fire at Wakefield.**  
Wakefield, N. C., Aug. 6.—The stable and barn of Mr. Seymour Chamblee, of Wakefield, was burned on Tuesday night, July 28th. A fine horse, a mule and two buggies, together with four hams and feed, were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin, and Mr. Chamblee believes he has his eye upon the guilty party.

## General News.

Two highwaymen, at an early hour, held up an automobile at Mararo Neck, near the city line, New York City, and relieved the occupants of their valuables.

Announcement is made by Acting Secretary Hillis, of the Department, of the appointment of Henry S. Jackson as Collector of Internal Revenue for the North Georgia District in place of Henry A. Rucker, colored, who has resigned.

At a mass meeting held in the Metropolitan Baptist Church early this week, signed by negro pastors in Washington, D. C., was adopted protesting against "the murdering of unarmed and innocent members of the race near Palestine, Texas."

Fifteen hundred garment workers charged a squad of police in New York, and as a result eighteen or twenty of them are prisoners and fifteen more arrests will be made. The riot assumed such proportions that the reserves had to be called out.

Letters and telegrams addressed to Dr. Crippen are accumulating at the provincial jail at Quebec, but he is allowed to receive or answer only the cable messages from Arthur Newton, his London attorney, relating to the preparation of his defense at his approaching trial for murder.

Former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, was injured in an automobile accident near Muscatine, Iowa, Sunday. Mr. Folk and three companions were hurled out of the machine and the former Governor suffered bruises on the right arm and left leg. His wrist was also sprained.

Official reports from the speed trial of the new Dreadnought battleship Delaware, received at the Navy Department, are that the ship exceeded her contract speed on all the tests. The Delaware averaged 21½ knots an hour for four consecutive hours under forced draft and 19 knots an hour for 24 consecutive hours at normal.

**First Postal Bank in Washington.**  
Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—The first postal savings bank will probably be established in Washington, where it will have the close supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings Bank System, composed of the Postmaster-General, Attorney-General and Secretary of the Treasury.

Whether the branch post-offices in East Washington and Georgetown will have savings banks at first is as yet undetermined. It is believed, however, that soon after the trustees have satisfied themselves with the workings of the bank at the main office banks will be incorporated in the branches, at which perhaps a better test of this system could be made. To Baltimore, as that city is in easy reach of the system will be made reach of the officials here.

The committee working on plans for the system is said to have adopted pass-books instead of coupons in the deposit methods and to have recommended the use of \$10 and \$100 bonds.

**Result of Tariff Law.**  
Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—The Payne-Aldrich tariff law has produced in its first year a revenue greater by \$75,000,000 than the sum collected in any year in the country's history except the banner year 1907, according to Treasury Department figures issued to-day. The second year of the operations of the new tariff began to-day.

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## MAY HAVE GOOD RESULTS.

**McMurray Investigation May Bring About New Era for Indians—Inquiry Continues.**

McAlester, Okla., Aug. 7.—That a new era of wholesome legislation by Congress has dawned for the Indians, as a result of the Congressional investigation into the McMurray contracts, is the belief among Senators, Congressmen and other Government officials assembled here.

The committee appointed by the House of Representatives and headed by Congressman Charles H. Burke, of South Dakota, to inquire into the charges of Senator Thomas P. Gore that he had been offered a \$25,000 or \$50,000 bribe to help out the McMurray deal through the Congress, arrived here to-day from Muskogee and to-morrow will continue its hearings. McAlester is the home town of J. P. McMurray, the attorney who, with others, held the contracts. It is expected more light will be thrown on Senator Gore's assertion that the sale is contemplated for \$30,000,000 to a New York syndicate of 450,000 acres of coal and asphalt land now owned by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, from whom McMurray secured contracts that would allow him 10 per cent attorneys fee or \$3,000,000.

Also more evidence is believed to be forthcoming concerning Jake L. Hamon who is charged by Senator Gore with having offered the bribe to secure the approval of the contracts by Congress.

**The End Not Yet in Sight.**  
The testimony given by Congressman C. E. Creager, of Oklahoma, that Hamon called him to a hotel in Washington and there suggested he might obtain an interest in the contracts if opposition were removed, together with the Gore charges, is not believed to be the end of the disclosures.

The name of Vice-President Sherman who, according to Senator Gore, was mentioned by Hamon as the man "higher up," has been eliminated from the investigation so far as Senator Gore is concerned. The Senator said he had no object in mentioning Mr. Sherman's name other than to relate all of what Hamon had said to him.

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